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NO on Microsoft Settlement!

I do not condone the settlement with Microsoft currently under public comment. The antitrust case has been so clearly and painstakingly laid out against this company that anything short of a structural remedy would be an obvious sell-out.

Even as a conduct-only remedy, the proposed settlement is weak and ineffectual. It has been demonstrated that Microsoft achieved a leading market position with many software products through serious antitrust infringements, and not through honest business practice. Under the proposed settlement, Microsoft would simply continue that practice with very minor changes. The OS, desktop, server, web browser, word-processing, spreadsheet, and other markets would look exactly the same in five years: barren of serious competition.

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